

SENATE BILL 1731
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 10, Part 1, relative to the exposure of
certain Tennessee bureau of investigation
personnel to hepatitis B or the HIV virus.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-10-116, is amended by
designating the existing language of subsection (a) as (a)(1) and by adding the following new
subsection (a)(2):

(2) If, during the course of receiving, analyzing or transporting the blood or other
body fluid of any person who has been arrested and charged with a criminal offense, an
employee of any of the Tennessee bureau of investigation's crime laboratories is
exposed to such blood or body fluid in any manner that presents a significant risk of
transmission of the hepatitis B virus or the HIV (AIDS) virus, then the exposed employee
has the right to request that such arrested person's blood be tested for the presence of
the hepatitis B virus and the HIV (AIDS) virus.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.